

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2009, thereby extending the time period within which to respond to May 17, 2010.

In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: